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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NOMINATION

KOULRO-BEZO, YAMOKO

1. EMBASSY REALIZES ITS IV FUNDS REMAINING MAY BE INSUFFICIENT FOR FULL IV GRANT. OPPORTUNITY HAS ARISEN, HOWEVER, TO INVITE INDIVIDUAL WHOM EMBASSY HAD INTENDED PROPOSE FOR FY 77 GRANT.

2. MR. KOULRO-BEZO HAS BEEN FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF BANQUE DES ETATS D AFRIQUE CENTRALE (CHAD CENTRAL BANK). HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN REPLACED BY APPOINTEE OF CHADS NEW MILITARY REGIME. SOMEWHAT UNUSUALLY, HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BANK, OF WHICH THE CHADIAN BANK IS BRANCH, ALL BOARD MEMBERS, AND THE GOC REPRESENTATIVE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE MADENGAR, HAVE BEEN OUTSPOKEN IN THEIR PUBLIC PRAISE OF MR. KOULRO-BEZOS PERFORMANCE. MADENGAR ENTERED INTO THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING NOTIFICATION THAT THE GOC WISHED ACKNOWLEDGE HIGH QUALITY OF MR. KOULRO-BEZOS WORK AND HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE APPOINTED SHORTLY TO A POSITION OF MERIT. MR. KOULRO-BEZO STATES CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE IS HOPING FOR A SENIOR POSITION PERHAPS DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN UDEAC DEVELOPMENT BANK WHICH IS IN PROCESS OF FORMATION. CHAD WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE BANK ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED WHETHER IT WILL REJOIN UDEAC. TIME IS PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE, THEREFORE, TO CONSIDER MR. KOULRO-BEZO FOR GRANT, PREFERABLY BEGINNING EARLY MARCH. POSSIBILITY OF GRANT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN PAST WITH MR. KOULRO-BEZO BY AMBASSADOR, BUT HE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN TOO BUSY TO ACCEPT. EMBASSY INFORMALLY

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UNDERSTANDS THAT MARCH TIMING WOULD BE EXCELLENT FOR NCM.

3. KOULRO-BEZO IS YOUNG MAN, BORN JUNE 12, 1941 IN SARH. HIS PRIMALP EDUCATION WAS IN SARH. MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION IN BONGOR, AND SUPERIOR EDUCATION (BELIEVED TO BE DIPLOME) IN POITIERS (FRANCE) AND PARIS. ON HIS RETURN TO CHAD HE IMMEDIATELY ENTERED THE SERVICE OF THE CENTRAL BANK, RISING TO THE POSITION OF CHADIAN NATIONAL DIRECTOR SOME YEARS AGO. AT 35 HE HAS UNUSUALLY FULL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION, BOTH OF WHICH IN SHORT SUPPLY IN CHAD. THIS, WITH LAUDATORY COMMENTSPPNGM GOC, SEEMS TO US TO INSURE THAT HE WILL HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE. HE HAS TRAVELED ONCE TO THE US FOR A PERIOD OF A FEW DAYS IN 1972 TO ATTEND IMF MEETING. TRAVEL WAS CONFINED TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. HE READS SOME ENGLISH BUT HIS SPOKEN ENGLISH FACILITY IS POOR AND HE WOULD REQUIRE FRENCH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER.

4. SUGGESTED PROGRAM: MR. KOULRO-BEZOS PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS ARE ECONOMICS, FINANCE, AND COMMERCE. HIS LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION, ALTHOUGH HIGH FOR CHAD, IS PROBABLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS OR BUSINESS MAJOR UNDERGRADUATE. HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT LARGE BANKS WITH INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENTS: DEVELOPMENT BANKS, INCLUDING IBRD: COUNTRY BANKS, ESPECIALLY IN AGRICULTURAL AREAS. HE IS INTERESTED IN FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND EXPOSURE TO SMALL MUNICIPAL AND RURAL COUNTY MANAGERS IN US MIGHT BE MOST USEFUL, CONSIDERING LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CHAD. HE HAS INTEREST AS WELL IN AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND VISITS TO US AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES IN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SIMILAR TO CHAD, E.G., ARIZONA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. MR KOULRO-BEZOS PERSONAL INTERESTS INCLUDE MUSIC AND DANCE, THEATER, CINEMA, AND READING. HE IS ALSO A HUNTER.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES THAT ENOUGH FUNDS BE FOUND IF POSSIBLE TO SUPPLEMENT REMAINING NDJAMENA FUNDS FOR 30 DAY GRANT FOR MR. KOULRO-BEZO. NOMINATION HAS AMBASSADORS PERSONAL SUPPORT.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY RESPONSE.LITTLE

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